

What is claimed is:

1. A thin film sheet material comprising;

a length of thin film sheet material adhered to itself in a spiral roll of overlying multiple layers, the layers having a free end terminating at an edge on the outermost layer of the roll, the edge overlying the outer surface of the next adjacent radially inward layer; and

visually observable indicia arranged in a continuous pattern on the sheet material wherein the pattern at the free end edge is misregistered with the pattern on the portion of the next adjacent radially inward juxtaposed layer to thereby make the free end edge visually observable.

2. The material of claim 1 wherein the pattern cyclically repeats along the length.

3. The material of claim 1 further including an adhesive coating on at least one side of the material.

4. The material of claim 1 wherein the material is arranged to statically cling to itself.

5. The material of claim 1 wherein the material is thermoplastic.

6. The material of claim 1 wherein the film is less than about 5 mils in thickness.

7. The material of claim 1 wherein the indicia is of one solid color.

8. The material of claim 1 wherein the film is electrical tape.
9. The material of claim 1 wherein the material is transparent.
- 5 10. The material of claim 1 wherein the pattern is a series of curves.
11. The material of claim 1 wherein the pattern is sinusoidal.
12. The material of claim 1 wherein the pattern is a series of straight lines.
- 10 13. The material of claim 12 wherein the lines are interconnected at an angle of at least one value.
14. The material of claim 1 wherein the pattern is straight lines defining an axis,
- 15 the lines being disconnected from one another in a direction along the axis but lying in a plane transverse to the axis.
15. The material of claim 1 wherein the pattern is a series of curves.
- 20 16. The material of claim 1 wherein the pattern is a series of curves and straight lines.

17. An electrical tape comprising:

a length of opaque electrically insulating sheet material of a uniform color adhered to itself in a spiral roll of overlying multiple layers, the layers having a free end terminating at an edge on the outermost layer of the roll, the edge overlying

5 the outer surface of the next adjacent radially inward layer;

an adhesive coating on one side of the material; and

a repetitive pattern having a color different than the uniform color extending along the length of the sheet material on a side of the material opposite the one side.

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18. The tape of claim 17 wherein the pattern is substantially continuous.

19. The tape of claim 17 wherein the pattern has repetitive discontinuous portions.

15 20. The tape of claim 17 wherein the pattern at the edge is discontinuous with the pattern on the juxtaposed surface of the next adjacent radially inward layer.

21. The tape of claim 17 wherein the pattern comprises any one or combination of the group consisting essentially of straight lines, curved lines, circles, squares,  
20 ellipses, triangles, sinusoidal curves, zig-zag lines, lines angled relative to each other.

22. An adhesive tape comprising:

a spiral layer of electrically insulating sheet material of a first color formed into a spiral roll of the material, the material having an adhesive coating on one surface thereof; and

an indicia pattern thereon in a single second color different than the first  
5 color of the sheet material.

23. The tape of claim 22 wherein the second color is one of green, white and red.

24. A method of splicing an electrical cable formed of multiple wires comprising:  
10 covering a spliced bared conductor end of each wire with an electrically insulating tape with a color corresponding to the polarity of the wire being spliced.

25. The method of claim 24 wherein the tape has a first color different than the color of said color corresponding to the polarity of the wire.

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26. The method of claim 24 wherein the method includes covering the conductor end of a first wire with red electrical tape, the first wire for carrying a hot electrical signal, covering a second wire for carrying a ground signal with a green electrical tape, and covering a third wire for carrying a neutral signal with a white electrical  
20 tape.

27. The method of claim 24 wherein the color manifesting the polarity is in the form of a repetitive pattern on the tape arranged so that the pattern at the leading

edge of the tape is misregistered with the pattern on the tape surface of a layer juxtaposed with the leading edge.

28. A method of forming an adherent film comprising forming the film with a  
5 pattern thereon arranged so that the pattern at the leading edge of the film is misregistered with the pattern of a layer of the film next adjacent to and juxtaposed with the leading edge.

29. The method of claim 28 wherein the film is a tape that is electrically insulating  
10 for covering electrical wire conductors.

30. The method of claim 28 wherein the film is static cling.

31. The method of claim 28 wherein the film is a tape with an adhesive layer on a  
15 side thereof.

32. The method of claim 28 wherein the pattern is formed by any of repetitive series of dashes in a line, a continuous line, a repetitive series of dots, a repetitive series of geometrical shapes in repetitive arrays including one or more of a circle,  
20 a square a rectangle, and a hexagon.